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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

SUMMARY -- WEEK BEGAN WITH PREDICTABLE US AND PANAMANIAN
PRESS REACTION TO WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING STATEMENT
THAT THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF A NEW CANAL TREATY
BEFORE 1976 ELECTION. FLURRY SUBSIDED WITH PANAMANIAN
PRESS CARRYING JULY 8 LEAK OF SECRETARY'S MOLLIFYING
MESSAGE TO GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT US STILL ENGAGED IN
SEARCH FOR JUST AND FINAL SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. DURING THE
WEEK, SPECIAL CHILEAN EMISSARY FOREIGN MINISTRY SUB-
SECRETARY COLONEL ENRIGUE VALDEZ TWICE CALLED ON ACTING
SECRETARY INGERSOLL TO EXPLAIN PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S
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REASONS FOR DISINVITING THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WORKING GROUP FROM ITS PLANNED VISIT TO CHILE JULY 7. HE WAS TOLD OF US DISAPPOINTMENT THAT VISIT HAD BEEN POSTPONED. ON PLUS SIDE, PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR ARCE TOLD ACTING SECRETARY AT LUNCHEON ON JULY 10 THAT HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL CHANGES NOW IN PROGRESS IN PERU FAVOR CLOSER AND NOW POSITIVE ' RELATIONS WITH US, INCLUDING GOP DETERMINATION TO SEEK JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO GULF AND MARCONA EXPROPRIATION PROBLEMS. END OF SUMMARY

1. ON JULY 3, US KNIGHT NEWSPAPERS -- PRINCIPALLY THE MIAMI HERALD -- CARRIED A WHITE HOUSE INTERVIEW STATEMENT THAT WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY WOULD BE READY BEFORE 1976 ELECTION. HERALD CARRIED STORY HEADLINE QUOTE FORD PUTTING OFF PANAMA CANAL TREATY UNQUOTE AND SUBHEADLINE QUOTE NO PROGRESS EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER 1976 ELECTIONS. HERALD LATER CALLED 'AMEMBASSY PANAMA FOR CONFIRMATION. AS RESULT OF ARTICLE AND PANAMANIAN REACTION, SECRETARY PASSED MESSAGE TO GENERAL TORRIJOS THROUGH THE EMBASSY IN PANAMA THAT IN SPITE OF OBSTACLES -- INCLUDING CONGRESSIOAL OBSTACLES AS SNYDER AMENDMENT -- US IS STILL ENGAGED IN SEARCH FOR JUST AND FINAL SOLUTION TO CANAL PROBLEM. A VERSION OF THIS MESSAGE WAS LEAKED BY THE GOP TO PANAMANIAN PRESS JULY 8.

2. A SPECIAL CHILEAN EMISSARY MET TWICE WITH ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL, ON JULY 9 AND 11, TO EXPLAIN THE GOC'S DISINVITING THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP'S VISIT TO CHILE, SCHEDULED TO HAVE BEGUN ON JULY 7. SUB-SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY COLONEL ENRIQUE VALDEZ, ACCOMPANIED BY CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TRUECO, PAID A WORKING CALL ON SECRETARY INGERSOLL ON JULY 9 TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET EXPLAINING WHY HE HAD WITHDRAWN PERMISSION FOR THE GROUP TO VISIT CHILE. POINTING TO WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS ANTI-CHILE CAMPAIGN BEING ORCHESTRATED IN UN FORUMS, HE NOTED THAT THERE IS NO SERIOUS DISPOSITION TO VERIFY REAL SITUATION IN CHILE. HE SAID GOC FEELS THAT WORKING GROUP HAD EXCEEDED ITS MANDATE BY TAKING STATEMENTS FROM QUOTE FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE UNQUOTE IN EUROPE, U.S. AND CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMA. VALDEZ ADDED ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS HAD RETURNED TO CHILE COVERTLY FROM ARGENTINA AND WERE PREPARING TO DISRUPT PUBLIC ORDER. HE CONFIRMED THAT GOC HAD SENT A COMMISSION TO LIMA TO TALK TO WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN ALLANA WITH INVITATION TO VISIT SANTIAGO WHEN CONDITIONS ARE MORE PROPITIOUS. CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT CONTINUED AT WORKING LUNCHEON JULY 11 ALSO ATTENDED BY UNDER SECRETARY MAW AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RYAN.

ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL NOTED U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT AT UNFORTUNATE POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT, WHICH WILL CREATE DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS WHEN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO CHILE WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION. VALDEZ SAID GOC WOULD WELCOME VISITS BY DISTINGUISHED U.S. VISITORS. AMBASSADOR TRUCCO ADDED THAT HE HOPED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR COLONEL VALDEZ WITH CONGRESSMAN FRASER AND SENATOR MCGEE OF KEY ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEES.

3. IN A JULY 10 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND ATTENDED BY UNDER SECRETARY MAW AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RYAN, PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR ADMIRAL ARCE DESCRIBED HIGH-LEVEL CHANGES IN GOP POLITICAL STRUCTURE (GROWTH IN POWER OF MODERATE PRIME MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ) AS FAVORING CLOSER AND MORE POSITIVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HE DESCRIBED THE QUOTE EXODUS UNQUOTE OF MARXIST ADVISORS FROM PRESIDENT VELASCO'S TEAM AS EVIDENCE OF MATURING OF PERUVIAN REVOLUTION. HE ASSURED ACTING SECRETARY THAT GOP WAS DETERMINED TO SEEK A JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING GULF EXPROPRIATION PROBLEM AND TO PROPOSED EXPROPRIATION OF MARCONA.

4. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FISHLOW WERE IN VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL JULY 7-11 TO DISCUSS MAJOR ECONOMIC ISSUES AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR PERIODIC BILATERAL CONSULTATION, WITH FIRST EMPHASIS ON TRADE.

5. A CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT WITH PERU WAS SIGNED JULY 7 RESOLVING YEAR-LONG DISPUTE. A THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED INVOLVING 25 BRANIFF FREQUENCIES A WEEK TO AND FROM LIMA, INCLUDING TEN QUOTE BEYOND UNQUOTE
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